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ous cloud interpose itself between us and that comfortable light,
wee humbly take our leaves.

Your Lordships very humble servants

Francis Wyatt.
Frans. West.
Roger Smyth.
Raphe Hamor.
Abrah: Peirseý.
Willm. Claybourne.

James Cittie, the sixth of April, 1626.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

JOURNALS OF THE COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, 1737-1763.

(From the Originals in the Virginia State Archives.)

(CONTINUED.)

At a Council held Dec'r 9, 1741.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary	Wm. Randolph
William Byrd	John Tayloe
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot
John Custis	Thomas Lee Esq'rs.

The Governor Acquainting the Board that he had a letter from Mr. Tailly one of ye Inspectors of Page's Warehouse in Hannover County that he had Serv'd 4 Months & desiring ye Opinion of ye Board how much he ought to receive of his Salary for Such time, it is ye Opinion of ye Board that he ought to be paid 2lf in proportion to ye time of his Attendance.

The Governour presented to the Board a Letter from Henry

McCulloch Receiver Generall of his Majesties in N. Carolina, purporting &c—whereupon Mr. B. Waller produc'd to ye Board an affidavit relating thereto, & was accordingly Sworn to ye truth thereof.

Maxwell v. Bernard—Continu'd to June next & peremptory hearing then.

Francis Thornton Jun'r agt. Benj'n Berryman—Ord'r for Grant to ye Pet'r ye Def't not appearing.

Benj'n Reynolds agt. Do.—Ord'r for grant to ye Pet'r ye Def't not appearing.

Edmunds v. Merritt—Ord'r for grant to ye Pet'r Def't not appearing.

Watson agt. Hosford—Caveat dismiss'd.

Reynolds agt. Jenkins—Ord'r for Grant to Pet'r Def't not appearing.

Waller agt. Hawkins & Co'y—Ord'r for grant to Pet'r, Def't not appearing.

order'd that ye mistake of James Ogleby be rectified & alter'd to Jacob.

Upon further hearing ye Complaint of the Rev'd Mr. Pedin,¹ it is order'd, that ye Matter be referr'd to ye Eleventh of May next—when the vestry are to produce Witnesses to Support the Allegations of ye ord'r of vestry, & to admit to ye Exercise of his Function.

Lilly agt. Tabb—Lilly not appearing & ye Summons appearing to be Serv'd on Tabb & he appearing ye Caveat is discharg'd.

Randall & Hill agt. Mumford—on hearing Evidence, the Caveat is discharg'd.

Keith & Wetherbonds agt. Simons—order'd that Keith have ye Land.

Pitillo agt. Bolling—Order'd that after ye Entry to Bryan &c.

¹There is no mention of this affair in Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*. Indeed Bishop Meade did not know that Notoway Parish existed as early as 1742. The ecclesiastical jurisdiction exercised by the Council, of which there are several examples in the series of journals here printed, was an interesting part of the work of that body, which has not received special attention.

are Served ye Pet'r to have his 600 Acres if ye lands hold out So much.

Peebles agt. Green—Ord'r for ye pet'r to have a grant—ye Def't not appearing.

The Gov'r desiring ye advice of ye Council what w'd be most proper time for meeting of ye Assembly—it is order'd to begin ye next day after ye Gen'll Court if not S.

Order'd that 50th be paid to Samuel Barron by ye Receiver Gen'll.

Taliaferro agt. Catlett—the Def't to keep his land.

At a Council held at ye Capitol Aprill 20. 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

William Byrd

Wm. Randolph

Cole Diggs

John Tayloe

Jno. Robinson

Philip Lightfoot

John Grymes

Thomas Lee

John Custis.

The Gov'r proposing to ye Boards Consideration ye Great Scarcity of Indian Corn, it is order'd that a Proclamation Issue to prevent ye Expotation after ye Sixth Day of May next untill ye first of Nov'r & y't ye sev'el Naval Officers have Notice of this ord'r.

The Gov'r tendred to ye Board the Instructions of ye Right Hon'ble ye Lords of ye Admiralty to Capt. Dandridge Commander of his Ma'ties Ship ye S. S. Castle,² w'ch Instructions are Order'd to be recorded.

At a Council held at ye Capitol Aprill ye 27, 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary

John Custis

William Byrd

Wm. Randolph

John Robinson

John Tayloe

John Grymes

Thomas Lee.

²The English man-of-war *South Sea Castle*, commanded by Captain Dandridge.

Upon further Consid'n of ye Pet'n of James Patten & John Lewis,³ referr'd to this time, Setting forth &c. & praying &c— & upon Consid'n of ye prof of Many families being Seated on ye s'd land at ye Expence & labour of ye Pet'rs, It is order'd that ye Pet'rs have a grant of ye land in Consideration of their expence & trouble in Seating of ye land, upon the first ord'r dated ye 5th of May, 1737, & that ye Clerk of ye Secretaries Office deliver to John Grymes Esq'r who hath accounted for ye same all the rights that were paid for ye S'd Land in pursuance of ye note of Mr. Wm. Beverly mention'd in ye Pet'n & upon delivery thereof, ye S'd John Grymes is to deliver up ye Said Note of Beverly's.

Pet'ns for Lands.

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At a Council held at ye Capitol May ye 4, 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary
Wm. Byrd
John Robinson

Wm. Randolph
Philip Lightfoot
John Grimes

John Custis.

Inspectors Appointed.

John Grant at Falmouth Ware House, King George.

Wm. Elligood & Samuel Mapp, Hunger & Cherristones—
Northampton.

Wm. Clopton, Littlepage's, New Kent.

Richard Haines, Coan, Northumberland.

Thomas Scott & James Kemp, Norfolk & Kemps, Norfolk &
Princess Ann.

³The Council journal for May 5, 1737 (the date of the first order referred to), is not in existence, nor is it known that any copy of Patton and Lewis' petition has been preserved. There is no grant in the Land Books to Patton and Lewis. Possibly instead of one grant to these patentees, separate ones were issued to the settlers, who were their assignees. Campbell's *History of Virginia* (p. 432) states that James Patton and his associates received a grant of 120,000 acres in the Valley. He gives no authority.

Townshend Washington, Boyd's Hole, Stafford.

John Hamlin, Maycocks, Prince George.

The Acc't of Contingent charges & for repairs of ye Governour's House being laid before the Board was allow'd.

The Receiver Gen'll is to be allowed the Difference of Exchange at 20 ¢ Cent for the current year.

At a Council held at ye Capitol May ye 11, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary Blair

Wm. Randolph

Cole Diggs

John Tayloe

John Robinson

Philip Lightfoot

John Curtis

Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.

Upon hearing this Day the Complaint of ye Rev'd Mr. James Pedin ag't the ord'r of the vestry of Nottaway Parish, & the examination of Severall Witnesses in behalf of ye s'd vestry ag't the s'd Pedin, it is ye Opinion of this Board that ye charges in the s'd ord'r of vestry ag't ye s'd Pedin of being guilty of many Immoralities as Drunkenness, Profane Swearing & Lewd & Debauched Actions are fully proved, & therefore this Board doth recommend it to Mr. Commissary, as a Matter within his Jurisdiction, to exercise the same as to ye Depriving ye s'd Pedin & turning him out of ye s'd Parish.

At a Council held May 12, 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary

John Tayloe

John Robinson

Philip Lightfoot

John Custis

Wm. Randolph

Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.

Clem't Pynes Pet'n read & referr'd to Rich'd Francis for his Exam'n.

The Pet'n of Sundry Merch'ts &c. read & granted—& it is order'd that ye Naval officer of ye upper district of James River

do appoint a Deputy to Attend according the prayer of ye s'd
Pet'n.

Pet'ns for land—

At a Council held May, 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Cole Diggs	Will'm Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Philip Lightfoot
John Custis	Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.

The following Warrants on ye Receiver Gen'll to be paid out
of his Ma'ties Revenue of 2s. 8^d Hgg'd Port Duties & Head
Money were this Day Signed by ye Gov'r:

For half a Years Salary to ye Gov'r . . .	1000		
For half a Years Salary to ye Council . . .	300		
To ye Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer	100		
For half a Years Salary to ye Auditor of ye Plantations	50		
For half a Years Salary to ye Solicitor of ye Virg'a Affairs	50		
For half a Years Salary to the Attorney Gen'll	35		
For half a Years Salary to ye Cl'k of ye Coun- cil	50		
To ye Ministers attending on Gen'll Court . .	8		
For half a Years Salary to the Armourer . .	8		
For half a Years Salary to ye Gunners of ye Batteries	23	10	0
For repairs done to ye Gov'rs House . . .	47	6	10
For Conting't Charges	340	17	2
For half a Years Salary to the Adjutant . .	75	0	0
For the Cost & Shipping Charges of fifty Bar- rells of Gun Powder	197	6	1

And out of ye Quit Rents:

To Mr. Commissary for half a Years Salary,	50	0	0
To the Attorney Gen'll for half a Years Salary	35	0	0

The Account of his Ma'ties Revenue of 2s. ⁸/₁₀ Hggd. Port Duties & Head Money from ye 25th Oct'r, 1741, to ye 25th of Aprill, 1742, was presented by the Receiver Gen'll who made Oath to ye s'd Acc't & ye Same being examined by ye Deputy Auditor were certified by ye Gov'r as usuall.

Pet'n for land.

At a Council held Friday 4th June, 1742.

PRESNET:

The Governour.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Wm. Byrd	Wm. Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	John Grymes

Thomas Lee Esq'rs.

The Governm't is Security to Mr. Jno. Hutchings⁴ for 4 Guns

⁴Hutchings of Norfolk was one of a number of families of merchants of that section of the Colony who did so much to build up the trade and general prosperity of Virginia during the Eighteenth Century. The first of the family to whom descent can be traced was 1. JOHN HUTCHINGS, of "Pembroke Trib^e," in the Island of Bermuda, whose will was dated Dec. 2, 1695. He married Susanna —, and had a son:

2. DANIEL² HUTCHINGS, mariner, of Norfolk county, Va., in 1718, who married Sarah —, and had a son:

3. COL. JOHN³ HUTCHINGS, of Norfolk Borough, who was born in 1691, and died in April, 1768. He married Amy, daughter of John Godfrey, of Norfolk (who died in 1710). Col. Hutchings was long one of the leading men of Norfolk. He was mayor of the borough in 1737, 1743 and 1755, and represented it in the House of Burgesses at the sessions of Nov., 1738; May, 1740; August, 1740; May, 1742; Sept., 1744; Feb., 1745; July, 1746; March, 1747; Feb., 1752; November, 1753; February, 1754; August, 1754; Oct., 1754; May, 1755, and Oct., 1755. Col. Hutchings died in April, 1768, and the high esteem in which he was held is shown by the following from the *Virginia Gazette* of April 7, 1768:

"NORFOLK, April 5, 1768.

On Sunday morning, about 10 o'clock, died here, in the 77th year of his age, Col. JOHN HUTCHINGS, of this borough, a gentleman possessed of a most amiable character.

lent to Capt'n Wimbleton for the Use of his Majestys Sloop
Cruizer, in case of s'd Guns shall be lost in his Majestys Service.

Remarkable
for his integrity and justice;
noted
for his affability, hospitality;
distinguished
for his charity and benevolence;
esteemed
for his honesty and probity;
beloved
for possessing the social virtues
in so eminent a degree.

He was yesterday carried to the place of interment by six reputable tradesmen, his pall supported by six Aldermen, preceded by a party of militia with their muskets clubbed, muffled drums, and mourning banners, and was followed by a numerous offspring, a great number of relations, and a very great concourse of people of all ranks and degrees, who universally lamented the loss of so worthy a member of society, whose example, both in publick and private life is worthy of imitation."

His will is of record in Norfolk county.

Col. John³ and Amy (Godfrey) Hutchings had issue :

4. John,⁴ Jr., member of the House of Burgesses for Norfolk Borough at the sessions of March, 1756; September, 1756; April, 1757, and March, 1758.
5. Joseph,⁴ member of the House of Burgesses for Norfolk Borough at the sessions of Nov., 1761; January, 1762; March, 1762; Nov., 1762; May, 1763; Jan., 1764; Oct., 1764; May, 1765; Nov., 1766; March, 1767; March, 1768; May, 1769; Nov., 1769; May, 1770; July, 1771; Feb., 1772; March, 1773; May, 1774; June, 1775, and the Conventions of March and July, 1775. He was one of the colonels in command of the Virginia militia in the skirmish with Lord Dunmore at Kempsville, and was captured.
6. Elizabeth,⁴ married Richard Kelsick, mayor of Norfolk 1755.
7. Mary,⁴ married, Jan. 5, 1755, Dr. John Ramsay, of Norfolk, surgeon in the Revolutionary army.
8. Amy,⁴ married Thomas Newton (1713-1794), mayor of Norfolk 1747.
9. Frances,⁴ married Charles Thomas, mayor of Norfolk 1770 and 1773, and died June 8, 1809, aged 76.
10. Susanna,⁴ married Edward Champion Travis, member of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776 for Jamestown.

At a Council Held 10th June, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Governor.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Wm. Byrd	Wm. Randolph
Cole Diggs	John Tayloe
John Robinson	John Grymes

Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.

George Carrington v. Rob't Christian—Caveat in ye Sec'rys Office Dismist.

Rob't Green vs. Daniel Brown—Ordered that Patents Issue according to ye Agreem't of ye Parties.

Thomas Brown vs. Dan'l Brown—Ordered that Tho's Brown have ye Land ye Def't being Summon'd & not appearing.

Daniel Pegran vs. Abraham Micheau—Continued till Dec'r Next for a Peremptory Hearing.

Rich'd Thomas vs. Abraham Micheau—Caveat Dismissed & a Patent to Issue.

Joshua Clark vs. James Parham—Ordered that ye Pet'r have ye Land ye Def't living in Carolina.

Thomas Williams vs. Henry Bedingfield—Ordered that ye Pet'r have ye Land ye Def't having been sommon'd & not appearing.

Wm. Winston vs. Wm. Byrd Esq. & Sam'l Tchiffley—the Pet'r not appearing ordered that the Caveat be dismissed.

James Terry vs. Gideon Marr—the Def't being summoned & not appearing Ordered that ye Pet'r have ye Land.

Rich'd Maudlin vs. James Barton—the Def't being summoned & not appearing Ordered that ye Pe't have ye Land.

Rich'd Maudlin vs. Wm. Watkins—the Def't being summon'd & not appearing Ordered that ye Pe't have ye Land.

Augustine Claiborne Pet'r for a Licence read & he Referred to Mr. James Power^b for to Examine.

^b James Power, believed to have been a native of Ireland, was long an eminent lawyer. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for King William county at the sessions of May, 1742; Sept., 1744; Feb., 1745; July, 1746; March, 1747, and for New Kent at the sessions of Feb., 1752; Nov., 1753; Feb., 1754; August, 1754; October, 1754; May, 1755;

At a Council Held June ye 11th.

PRESENT:

Ye Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Wm. Byrd	Wm. Randolph
Cole Digges	John Tayloe
John Robinson	&
John Grymes	Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.

Sheriffs Appointed.

Northampton County—Thomas Marshall.

Hanover County—James Skelton.

Lancaster—Wm. Steptoe.

Isle of Wight—Ethelred Taylor.

Orange—R'd Winslow.

K. William County—Rich'd Gregory.

Caroline—John Macon.

Brunswick—Nicho's Lanier.

Accomack—South Rue.

K. & Queen— — — — —

Nansemond—Wm. Wright.

Eliz'h City—Joseph Bannister.

Essex—Thomas Waring.

Richm'd—Gilbert Hamilton.

Upon the Certificate of K. & Queen recommending Sev'l Persons to be Justices of Peace Order'd that a New Com. Issue in w'ch ye Persons Mentioned in ye Recomendation be Added, & one half & one More of ye Justices to be of ye Quorum Viz: Thomas Thorpe, John Strachey, Patrick Barckley, Thomas Todd, Gregory Smith.

for Norfolk—Justices Ord'd to ye Commission: Willis Wilson, Rich'd Church, Josias Smith, John Fripp, Thomas Newton, Cha's Sweney, John Tucker, Nathaniel Tatum.

for Isle of Wight County—Justices ordered to be added to ye Commission:

August, 1755; March, 1756; Sept., 1756; April, 1757, and March, 1758. His armorial book-plate is well known to collectors.

James Power's daughter married Peter Lyons, the counsel for the "parsons" in the famous case, and afterwards a judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Thomas Smith, John Willis, John Summerell, Benj'n Ruffin, Jesse Brown.

one half ye Justices & one More to be of the Quorum, Thomas Applewhite, Benj'n Simmons, Micajah Edwards, John Applewhite. Ordered that John Hodsden, Benj'n Clements & James Ridley be left out of ye Commission.

Saturday June ye 12th.

PRESENT:

Ye Governour.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Wm. Byrd	Wm. Randolph
John Robinson	John Tayloe
John Grymes	Tho. Lee, Esq'rs.

Justices of the peace appointed for the County of King George.

Thomas Turner, to be put in his former place.

Charles Ewell.

Arthur Spicer.

Jonathan Sidenham.

Ordered that a New Comission do Issue for the County aforesaid and that the persons above mentioned be added.

Wednesday June ye 15th, 1742.

PRESENT:

Ye Governour.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Wm. Byrd	Wm. Randolph
Cole Diggs	John Grymes
Tho. Lee, Esq'rs.	

Ordered that the Officers of the Revenue Signe 500l worth of rights.

Ordered that Anthony Mosely, John Thorowgood jun, William Kealing Sen'r & George Wishard be added to the Comission of the peace for the County of Princess Ann, & one half ye Justices & one more be of ye Quor.

Ordered that John Stepto and Peter Conway gen. be added

to the Comission of the Peace for the County of Lancaster & one half of ye Justices and one more be of ye Quorum.

Saturday June ye 19th, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Governour.

Mr. Commissary	John Custis
Cole Diggs	Wm. Randolph
John Robinson	John Grymes

Tho: Lee, Esq'rs.

Ordered That the Court-house for Fairfax County be appointed at a place call'd Springfields Scituated between the New Church and Ox Road in the Branches of Difficult Run Hunting Creek and Accotinck.

Ordered That the Court house in Prince William be at a place called Brent Town belonging to Richard Foot.

At a Council held at ye Capitol July 16, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary	Will'm Dandridge
Cole Digges	John Curtis

Phil Lightfoot, Esq'rs.

The Gover'r Communicated a Letter he Rec'd from Wm. Bull Esq'r L. Gov'r of S. Carolina dated 6 July 1742—purporting &c. & Capt'n Dandridge Communicating two Letters, It is the Opinion & Advice of this Board immediately with all Convenient Speed to repair with his Majesties ye Ship, ye S. S. Castle under his Command to give relief & assistance to ye S'd Gen'll Oglethorpe.*

Henry Morris having been Sent on a Message to ye Cherokee Indians & returning with an answer It is order'd that the S'd Henry Morris be allowed 40 lb for his trouble.

*This order was in regard to the Spanish attack on Georgia, which was repulsed.

At a Council held at ye Capitol July 26, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary
John Grymes

John Custis
John Tayloe

Philip Lightfoot.

The Gov'r Communicating a Letter from Mr. Ogle¹ purport-

¹The Maryland legislature was not in session at this time, and the Council journal covering the date does not appear to be extant. It is evident, however, that there was a rumor that the Shawnee Indians were about to attack Maryland. We are indebted to Dr. Christopher Johnston, of Baltimore, for the following extract:

"Tuesday morning Oct. 1742.

This House met again according to adjournment.

Present as Yesterday.

The following message is sent by George Plater, Esq.

By the Upper House of Assembly—26th Octo. 1742.

From Upper House Journal, 1730-1742, marked No. 33 in Calendar of State Papers.

Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Message to both Houses of Assembly from his Excellency the Governor; and as it relates to An affair of the Greatest Importance to the Country, We doubt not but you will give it a speedy Impartial Consideration.

Signed by Order

John Ross Clk. Up. Ho.

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower houses of Assembly.

Although the ill designs of the Shawan Indians (very probably excited by the French) as well as the Indians living among us, were so happily Discovered, and prevented being carried into execution; yet I am of Opinion that it is absolutely necessary, for the preservation of the Lives, and security of the Property of his Majesty's subjects within this Province, according to the Example of the Neighboring Governments, to enter into a Treaty with the Six Nations, who, by all the Accounts I have, are not only more numerous and formidable than all the other Neighboring Indians together, but also more to be relied on, in Case of a Rupture with France; To this End a Messenger was sent to invite them hither, in hopes that it would have suited them to come while the Assembly was sitting, and that every thing needfull might have been transacted with them, with the advice concurrence and approbation of the

ing &c.—ye Depositions &c. It is ye Advice of ye Board that ye Gov'r write an answ'r to ye Gov'r of Maryland that this Colony is willing to give all Succour, but that it is ag't Law, neither can ye Gov'r'ment here compell the Militia to march out of the Colony, & therefore it w'd be proper for ye Assembly of Maryland, if they sh'd want Men in case of an Attack, to propose a reward for Such Persons as w'd be willing to go out of Virg'a.

Upon Reading the Representation & Complaint of ye vestry of North farnham ag't ye Rev'd Thomas Bluett⁸ the Minister of ye Parish, It is order'd that ye Matter of ye s'd Complaint be heard on ye 21 day of Oct'r next, & that ye s'd Blewett have notice of this order—to write to Mr. Sandford.

Order'd That Henry Whitinge be appointed Sheriff of Middx.
That Arthur Dickenson be appointed Sheriff of York.

Order'd That a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition Such as ye Gov'r thinks proper be Sent up to Fredericksburg, & the Gov'r is desir'd to write to ye Commanding Officers of the Militia to be upon their guard of ye Frontier & Adjacent Counties.

whole Legislature; but their answer to the Messenger was, that the Season of the year would be so advanced before they could return home, that they could not conveniently come till the Spring: And as you are sensible that their coming then must be troublesome, as well as expensive; and that the Calling of an Assembly on that occasion (which can't be avoided) would greatly encrease the Publick Charge; so I have thought of this expedient to prevent it, as well as to lessen the expence, Viz, to send Com'ers either to Albany, or such other place as may be thought more Convenient to treat with the said Indians; If you approve of this expedient I desire you'l appoint Two of your Members of each House as Commissioners for that purpose.

THOMAS BLADEN."

In July, 1744, was concluded the treaty of Lancaster, Pa., between the Colonies and the Six Nations.

⁸North Farnham parish, Richmond county, was established in 1693; but on account of the loss of parish records there is mention of no minister prior to 1751, when Rev. William Mackay was the incumbent.

At a Council held Aug't 6, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Gov'r.

Mr. Commissary	John Grymes
John Robinson	John Custis
Philip Lightfoot, Esq'rs.	

The Acc'ts of his Ma'ties Quit Rents from 25 Aprill 1741 to 25 Aprill 1742. Examin'd by ye Deputy Auditor p'duc'd in Council, & Sworn to by ye Receiver Gen'll &c.

Wm. Taliaferro appointed Sheriff for K. & Queen.

The Gov'r was pleased to Inform ye Council that he had appointed the Hon'ble John Robinson Esq'r⁹ to be Secretary of this Colony in ye Room of John Carter Esq'r Dec'd until his Ma'ties pleasure be known, and he accordingly took ye usuall oath of Office.

Philip Lightfoot Esq'r presented to Board his Ma'ties approbation of ye act &c—w'ch is therefore order'd to be Registered in ye Secretarys Office.

Order'd that a Proc'l Issue further to prorogue the Assembly till ye 3d Thursday in Nov'r.

At a Council held at the Capitol, Oct. 15th, 1742.

PRESENT:

The Governor

William Byrd	John Grymes
John Robinson	John Custis
Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.	

The Governor Appointed Mr. R. Staunton to be Clerke of the Council And he took the Oath of Office accordingly.

The Governor Communicating a letter from Mr. Oglethorp Dated 31st July 1742 purporting &c. It is the advice of this

⁹ It has not been shown before that John Robinson, afterwards President of the Council, was ever Secretary of State. He held office only a short time, as in 1743 Thomas Nelson was appointed.

Board That Mr. Oglethorp be acquainted that he has their Consent to Send Such Officers as he pleases to raise Recruits and that he may depend upon all the Assistance and Encouragem't in their power.

The Governor Communicated a letter from Mr. Ogle Governor of Maryland Dated 10th Aug't 1742, purporting &c. It is the Advice of this Board That if Mr. Ogle will give a proper Notice when the Indian's Commissioners come to treat upon that Affair, Col. Lee and Col. Tayloe will be appointed Commissioners to Meet and treat with them on that subject, on the behalf of this Colony.

The Governor Communicated a letter from Governor Clerke Dated Aug't 9th, 1742, purporting &c. The Advice of this Board, That the Governor use his Endeavours to make up the differences Between those Indian Nations of Cherokees & Cat-tawbaws.

At a Council held at the Capitol Oct. 16th, 1742.

PRESENT:

Wm. Byrd
Jo'n Robinson
Jo'n Grymes

Will. Dandridge
John Custis
Philip Lightfoot

Tho: Lee, Esq'rs.

Inspectors Appointed.

William Mountjoy & Charles Waller—Potomack Creek Warehouse Stafford.

George Flower & John Kent—Driners & Indian Creek.

Joseph Steward & John Chew—New Warehouse, Spotsylvania.

Daniel French, Townshend Dade—falls of Potomack, Fairfax County.

William Harrison—Aquia Warehouse, Stafford.

Francis Sterne, John Boutwell—Roys Warehouse, Caroline.

George Tankersly & John Wren—Gibsons Warehouse King George County.

Richard Bryan, John Grant—at Mortons.

Anthony Hayne, Nicholas Strother—Falmouth.

At a Council held at the Capitol, Oct. 20th, 1742.

PRESENT:

William Byrd	John Grymes
Cole Diggs	John Custis
John Robinson	Philip Lightfoot &
Thomas Lee, Esq'rs.	

On hearing Richard Blackburne and Thomas Harrison, Jun'r, Gent. and Inspecting the plan of the County of Prince William as it will remain after the Division shall take place, It is the opinion of this Board that the Court house¹⁰ of the said County be placed either at Brent Town—Hoomes's—Tacquet's Ford—Watkins—or Waters, as the Govern'r shall Appoint on viewing the plan.

Oct. 22d, present as above.

Ordered, That it be referred to Col. ffitzhugh Col. Wm. Fairfax & Col. John Colril to View and Rep't to the Gov'r which they think the most Convenient place for the Court house, P. Wm.

¹⁰ The division of Prince William was due to the formation of Fairfax, organized in 1742. The county seat of Prince William was for many years at Brent Town, or Brentsville, as was its later name, at the head of the Occoquon river, but has since been changed to Manassas.

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